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MEETING AMERICA'S NEEDS

- ✓ **H.R. 3, SAFE, ACCOUNTABLE, FLEXIBLE, AND EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS.** Creates millions of new jobs and addresses the ever-growing challenges of congestion and safety, while continuing to improve freight mobility and public transportation. (Public Law)
- ✓ **H.R. 5, THE HELP EFFICIENT, ACCESSIBLE, LOW COST, TIMELY HEALTH CARE (HEALTH) ACT OF 2005.** Makes changes to the health care liability system, including compensation for injured patients and other issues arising out of health care lawsuits. The measure provides for a three-year statute of limitations with certain exceptions for minors, fraud, intentional concealment, and the presence of a foreign body. It provides for a \$250,000 cap on non-economic or "pain and suffering" damages. Guidelines governing the award of punitive damages provide that awards not exceed the greater of \$250,000 or twice economic damages. Damages are governed by a "fair share" rule, by which damages are allocated fairly, in direct proportion to fault. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 6, ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2005.** Ensures jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy by encouraging more domestic production of oil and through conservation and better environmental options, helping bring America's energy system into the 21st Century. (Public Law)
- ✓ **H.R. 8, DEATH TAX REPEAL PERMANENCY ACT OF 2005.** Extends the Death Tax repeal permanently beyond 2010, simplifying tax law and facilitate long-term financial planning. Given the current structure of the Death Tax, it is nearly impossible for taxpayers to make long-term financial decisions as they relate to the tax. Enactment of the Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act promotes fairness and simplification by giving taxpayers the certainty they deserve. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 3893, GASOLINE FOR AMERICA'S SECURITY ACT OF 2005.** In the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita this bill will increase refinery capacity for gasoline, heating oil, diesel fuel, and jet fuel and coordinate permitting requirements affecting refineries. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 4096, STEALTH TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2005.** Amends the Internal Revenue Code to extend through 2006 the increased alternative minimum tax exemption amount for individual tax payers; and adjust such increased exemption amount for inflation beginning in 2006. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 4297, TAX RELIEF EXTENSION RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2005.** One year extension of provisions expiring in 2005: AMT Relief for Personal Tax Credits, State and Local Sales Tax Deduction, Modified Research and Experimentation Tax Credit, Above-the-Line Deduction for Higher Education Expenses, Above-the-Line Deduction for Teacher Classroom Expenses, Authority to Issue Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZABs) for School Modernization, Enhanced Deduction for Donations of Computer Equipment, Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC), Welfare to Work (WTW) Tax Credit, Tax Incentives for Business Activity on Indian Reservations, Fifteen-Year Depreciation for Leasehold Improvements, Fifteen-Year Depreciation for Restaurant Improvements, Archer MSAs (Medical Savings Accounts), Suspension of Limit on Percentage Depletion for Oil And Gas

from Marginal Wells, Tax Incentives to Revitalize the District of Columbia, Possession Tax Credit for American Samoa, Excise Tax for Enforcing Mental Health Parity Rules. Two-Year Extension of Certain Expiring Provisions: Savers' Credit Enhanced Section 179 Expensing for Small Business, Brownfield Expensing, Active Financing Exception, Reduced Rates on Capital Gains and Dividends. (House Passed)

- ✓ **H.R. 2830, PENSION PROTECTION ACT OF 2005.** Includes tough new funding requirements to ensure employers adequately and consistently fund their pension plans, provide workers with meaningful disclosure about the financial status of their benefits, and protect taxpayers from a possible multi-billion dollar bailout of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) should the agency's financial condition continue to deteriorate. (House Passed)
- ✓ **S.1932, DEFICIT REDUCTION ACT.** Provides \$39.732 billion in savings by reforming the government, reducing the deficit, and renewing our commitment to hardworking American taxpayers. (Modified Conference Report passed by the Senate)
- ✓ **H.R. 357, HONORING JUSTICE SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR.** Honors Justice Sandra Day O'Connor on the occasion of her retirement from the U.S. Supreme Court. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 335, HONORING AND PRAISING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 97TH ANNIVERSARY.** Honors and praises the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 97th anniversary for its work to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of all persons. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 5253, FEDERAL ENERGY PRICE PROTECTION ACT OF 2006.** Legislation to prohibit price gouging, at anytime, in the market for gasoline, diesel fuel, crude oil, home heating oil, and biofuels. The bill directs the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to define "price gouging," "wholesale sale" and "retail sale", provides for strong civil enforcement by the FTC and by states' attorneys general, and criminal enforcement by the U.S. attorney general and the Department of Justice, and provides for both civil and criminal penalties for price gouging. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 5252, COMMUNICATIONS OPPORTUNITY, PROMOTION, AND ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2006.** Creates a single, national approval process that will speed the entry of competitors into the multi-channel video marketplace. The bill preserves Net Neutrality by giving the FCC the explicit power to go after companies that violate network neutrality principles. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 4167, NATIONAL UNIFORMITY FOR FOOD ACT OF 2005.** Provides for a single set of national food safety standards and warning requirements for packaged foods. NUFA coordinates and harmonizes federal, state, and local concerns and enhances consumer protection throughout the country, while at the same time protecting states' rights. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 5638, THE PERMANENT ESTATE TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2006.** Reunifies the estate, gift, and generation-skipping transfer taxes and increases the estate and gift tax exemption to \$5 million per person. In addition, married couples can carry over any unused part of their spouse's \$5 million exemption. For estates between \$5 million and \$25 million, the rate of tax will be the same as the capital gains tax rate. On estates valued at more than \$25 million, the top marginal rate of tax will be double the capital gains tax rate. (House Passed)
Vote Results: Ayes-269, Noes-156
- ✓ **H.R. 42, THE FREEDOM TO DISPLAY THE AMERICAN FLAG ACT OF 2005.** Protects Americans' right to fly our flag by ensuring that condominium associations, cooperative associations, and residential real estate management associations do not prevent residents from flying the American flag on their private property. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 2990, CREDIT RATING AGENCY DUOPOLY RELIEF ACT OF 2005.** Requires the Securities and Exchange Commission to establish a registration process for credit rating agencies (groups that determine credit worthiness of securities or money market instruments)

that seek to be designated by the SEC as a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

Vote Results: Ayes-255, Noes-166

- ✓ **H.R. 9, FANNIE LOU HAMER, ROSA PARKS, AND CORETTA SCOTT KING VOTING RIGHTS ACT REAUTHORIZATION AND AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2006.** Renews expiring provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 for an additional 25 years.

Vote Results: Ayes-390, Noes-33

- ✓ **H.R. 2389, PLEDGE PROTECTION ACT OF 2005.** Prevents activist federal judges from denying citizens the right to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Instead, the bill gives state courts the authority to rule on the constitutionality of the Pledge for their state only. (House Passed)

Vote Results: Ayes-260, Noes-167

- ✓ **H.R. 4, THE PENSION PROTECTION ACT OF 2006.** Ensure employers properly and adequately fund their worker pension plans; Protect taxpayers from costly bailouts of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; Require companies to provide more information to workers about the status of their pension plans; and Makes commonsense modifications to defined contribution laws to encourage greater personal savings for retirement and other needs.

SECURING AMERICA'S NATURAL RESOURCES

- ✓ **H.R. 1158, REAUTHORIZE THE STEEL AND ALUMINUM ENERGY CONSERVATION AND TECHNOLOGY COMPETITIVENESS ACT OF 1988.** Authorizes appropriations of \$12 million for each of FY 2006 through 2010. (House Passed)

- ✓ **H.R. 3824, THE THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES RECOVERY ACT (TESRA) OF 2005.** Updates and improves the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973. Replaces the critical habitat program with a more integrated recovery planning process that includes the identification of specific areas that are of special value to the conservation of the species, which are then given priority in recovery efforts. (House Passed)

- ✓ **H.R. 2864, WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2005.** Authorizes and provides for specified water resources development and conservation projects. The bill authorizes the Secretary of the Army to carry out specified projects for navigation, environmental restoration, ecosystem restoration, hurricane and storm damage reduction, and flood damage reduction. It directs the Secretary to conduct studies and carry out specified projects for emergency streambank protection, navigation, improvement of the quality of the environment, aquatic ecosystem restoration, and shoreline protection. (House Passed)

- ✓ **H.R. 4200, FOREST EMERGENCY RECOVERY AND RESEARCH ACT.** Declares that any catastrophic event over 1,000 acres must be quickly evaluated and restoration recommendations must be made. Additionally the bill strengthens forest research methods, expands authorized uses of several funding sources for both federal and non-federal land and ensures collaboration with tribes, state and local governments, colleges and universities, and other interested people. (House Passed)

- ✓ **H.R. 5429 – THE AMERICAN-MADE ENERGY AND GOOD JOBS ACT.** Authorizes oil and gas exploration and production in the small region of Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) in an environmentally safe manner. The Act reduces our dependence on foreign sources of oil by expanding our domestic energy supply while at the same time stimulating our economy and creating hundreds of thousands of new jobs. Also provides additional funding to ports and inbound cargo in order to prevent terrorists and criminals from exploiting the international commerce system. (House Passed)

- ✓ **H.R. 5254, REFINERY PERMIT PROCESS SCHEDULE ACT.** Act calls for the construction of new oil refineries to help put our country on the path to energy independence. Seeks to decrease dependence of foreign energy sources at a time when many Americans are feeling the high cost of gasoline. (House Passed)

- ✓ **H.R. 4761, DEEP OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES ACT OF 2006.** A progressive step toward reducing America's dependence on foreign sources of energy. The bill allows for environmentally responsible energy development on the Outer Continental Shelf of the United States while creating hundreds of thousands of new jobs. (House Passed)
Vote Results: Ayes-232, Noes-187

FIGHTING CRIME AND LAWSUIT ABUSE

- ✓ **H.R. 3402, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT, FY 2006-2009.** Establishes the direction and spending levels of programs within the Department of Justice for fiscal years 2006 through 2009. Also reauthorizes the Violence Against Women Act. (House and Senate Passed, awaiting Presidential action)
- ✓ **S.5, CLASS ACTION FAIRNESS ACT OF 2005.** Reforms current law related to class action lawsuits, allowing such suits to be removed to federal courts, and reducing the potential for abuse of settlement awards by attorneys. (Public Law)
- ✓ **H.R. 420, LAWSUIT ABUSE REDUCTION ACT OF 2005.** Discourages lawsuit abuse by requiring plaintiffs to pay the attorneys' fees of defendants when the judge determines that a frivolous lawsuit was filed and reduces "court-friendly shopping" by requiring personal injury cases to be filed either where the plaintiff lives or was injured, or where the defendant's principal place of business is located. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 554, PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN FOOD CONSUMPTION ACT OF 2005.** Prohibits obesity or weight gain-related claims against the food industry. The bill prohibits new and dismisses pending civil actions by any person against a manufacturer, marketer, distributor, advertiser, or seller of food or a trade association for any injury related to a person's accumulated acts of consumption of food and weight gain, obesity, or any associated health condition. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 1279, GANG DETERRENCE AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT 2005.** Amends the Federal criminal code to modify and expand prohibitions against criminal street gang activity, including forfeiture provisions. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 1751, SECURE ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND COURT PROTECTION ACT OF 2005.** Provides enhanced criminal penalties where the victim is a United States judge, Federal law enforcement officer or a Federally Funded Public Safety Officer. (House Passed)
- ✓ **S. 397, PROTECTION OF LAWFUL COMMERCE IN ARMS ACT.** Provides protections for those in the firearms industry from lawsuits arising out of the criminal or unlawful acts of people who criminally or unlawfully misuse their products. (Public Law)

STRENGTHENING AMERICA'S COMPETITIVENESS

- ✓ **H.R. 27, JOB TRAINING IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2005.** Enhances the workforce investment system of the Nation by strengthening one-stop career centers, providing for more effective governance arrangements, promoting access to a more comprehensive array of employment, training, and related services, establishing a targeted approach to serving youth, and improving performance accountability. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 28, HIGH-PERFORMANCE COMPUTING REVITALIZATION ACT OF 2005.** Strengthens U.S. supercomputing capabilities by requiring the National Science Foundation and the Department of Energy to ensure U.S. researchers access to high-performance computers, and by prescribing a comprehensive, balanced approach to the nation's computing strategy. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 250, MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY COMPETITIVENESS ACT OF 2005.** Reauthorizes the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) program, establishes an Interagency Committee on Manufacturing Research and Development to coordinate Federal manufacturing research and development (R&D) efforts, and an Advisory Committee to guide those efforts. (House Passed)

- ✓ **H.R. 5143, H-PRIZE ACT OF 2006.** Establishes a prize competition to encourage the development of breakthrough technologies that would make hydrogen a practical alternative to oil in our transportation sector. (House Passed)

PROTECTING SMALL BUSINESS, HOMEOWNERS AND INVESTORS

- ✓ **H.R. 436, INCREASED CAPITOL ACCESS FOR GROWING BUSINESS ACT.** Amends the Investment Company Act of 1940 to provide incentives for small business investment. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 739, OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH SMALL BUSINESS DAY IN COURT ACT OF 2005.** Gives the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission (OSHRC) additional flexibility to make exceptions to the 15-day deadline for employers to file responses to OSHA citations when a small business misses the deadline by mistake or for good reason. Under current legal interpretation, employers who fail to meet this 15-day deadline may lose their right to a day in court, regardless of whether there were intervening circumstances that inadvertently caused an employer to miss the deadline. The bill restores some common-sense and flexibility to the law. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 740, OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION EFFICIENCY ACT OF 2005.** Increases the membership of OSHRC from three to five members to ensure cases are reviewed in a timely fashion. Increasing membership to five Commissioners will help ensure that cases are reviewed in a more timely fashion. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 741, OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF OSHA CITATION ACT OF 2005.** Restores independent review of OSHA citations by clarifying that OSHRC is an independent judicial entity given deference by courts that review OSHA issues. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 797, NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2005.** Amends the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act to make Indian tribes, tribally designated housing entities, or other agencies primarily serving Indians eligible for Youthbuild grants. (House and Senate Passed, awaiting Presidential action)
- ✓ **H.R. 1077, REAL-TIME INVESTOR PROTECTION ACT.** Improves the access of investors to regulatory records with respect to securities brokers, dealers, and investment advisers. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 1025 MORTGAGE SERVICING CLARIFICATION ACT.** Amends the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to exempt from mandatory debt collection disclosures (that the debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose) any servicer of federally-related mortgage loans secured by first liens that include loans in default at the time such servicer became responsible for servicing such loans, if the servicer is also a debt collector whose collections are incidental to a primary function of servicing current federally-related mortgage loans. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 1461, FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE REFORM ACT.** Creates a regulator with strong safety, soundness and mission powers to oversee housing government sponsored enterprises (GSEs). The bill merges OFHEO (Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac regulator) and FHFB (Federal Home Loan Bank regulator) into a new independent agency, funded by assessments on the GSEs. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 148, SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEAL OF FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH.** Personal financial education is essential to ensure that individuals are prepared to manage money, credit, and debt, and become responsible workers, heads of households, investors, entrepreneurs, business leaders, and citizens. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 312, RECOGNIZING NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH AND THE IMPORTANCE OF HOMEOWNERSHIP IN THE UNITED STATES.** Resolves that the House fully supports the goals and ideals of National Homeownership Month and recognizes the importance of homeownership in building strong communities and families. (House Passed)

- ✓ **S. 256, BANKRUPTCY ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 2005.** Amends Federal bankruptcy law to revamp guidelines governing dismissal or conversion of a Chapter 7 liquidation, instilling a greater level of personal responsibility by closing various loopholes and eliminating incentives in the current bankruptcy system that encourage opportunistic consumer bankruptcy filings and abuse. (Public Law)
- ✓ **H.R. 749, EXPANDED ACCESS TO FINANCIAL SERVICES ACT OF 2005.** Lowers the costs paid by consumers for basic banking services through increased competition in the marketplace by permitting federal credit unions to offer check cashing and money transfer services to non-members of the credit union as long as the individual is within the credit union's field of membership. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 1185, FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE REFORM ACT OF 2005.** Requires the merger of the Bank Insurance Fund and the Savings Association Insurance Fund into the Deposit Insurance Fund. Amends the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (FDIA) and the Federal Credit Union Act to increase the amount of deposit insurance coverage. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 4297, TAX RELIEF EXTENSION RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2005.** Provides families, seniors, and small businesses with tax relief by extending the alternative minimum tax relief, extending enhanced expensing for small business through 2009, and extending lower tax rates on dividend and capital gains income through 2010. (Public Law No. 109-222)

PROTECTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- ✓ **S. 167, FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT AND COPYRIGHT ACT OF 2005.** Amends the Federal criminal code to prohibit the unauthorized, knowing use or attempted use of a video camera to make a copy of a motion in a movie theater. (Public Law)
- ✓ **H.R. 748, CHILD INTERSTATE ABORTION NOTIFICATION ACT OF 2005.** Makes it a federal crime to transport a minor across state lines to obtain an abortion in another state in order to avoid a state law requiring parental involvement in a minor's abortion decision. Makes it a federal crime for the abortion provider to fail to give one of the minor's parents, or a legal guardian if necessary, 24 hours' notice of the minor's abortion decision before the abortion is performed. The purpose of this section is to protect fundamental parental rights by giving parents a chance to help their young daughters through difficult circumstances as best they can. Makes an exception if the abortion was necessary to save the life of the minor. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 3132, CHILDREN'S SAFETY ACT OF 2005.** Addresses the growing epidemic of violence against children. It enhances the safety of children from convicted sex offenders through coordinated State sex offender registration and notification programs. For the first time, the sex offender law will cover "federally recognized tribal lands." (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 798, METHAMPHETAMINE REMEDIATION RESEARCH ACT OF 2005.** To provide for a research program for remediation of closed methamphetamine production laboratories, and for other purposes. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 972, TRAFFICKING VICTIMS PROTECTION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005.** Amends the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to direct The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Department of State, and the Department of Defense (DOD) to incorporate anti-trafficking and protection measures for vulnerable populations, particularly women and children, into their post-conflict and humanitarian emergency assistance and program activities. Also includes provisions focused on ending the demand for sex trafficking in the U.S. (House and Senate Passed, awaiting Presidential action.)
- ✓ **S. 467, TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE ACT OF 2005.** Raises the property and casualty insurance loss threshold that qualifies for certification by the Secretary of the Treasury as an act of terrorism with respect to Program Year 4 and Program Year 5. (House and Senate Passed, awaiting Presidential action)

- ✓ **H.R. 2829, OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005.** Reauthorizes the ONDCP within the Executive Office of the President through FY 2010. The plan also renews congressional authorization for national programs administered by ONDCP and makes the development and implementation of Federal drug policy more streamlined, effective, and accountable. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 4472, CHILDREN'S SAFETY AND VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION ACT OF 2005.** Includes and modifies H.R. 3132, "The Children's Safety Act" passed on September 14, 2005. This Act enhances Sex Offender Registration and Notification laws to protect the public, adopts a tiering system for classifying sex offenders based on the seriousness of their crime, criminal history and overall risk of repeat offenses on a victim. Requires internet posting of sex offenders on state and national websites, adopts comprehensive civil commitment measures to protect against sexual predators, allows for a flexible approach for states to comply with new requirements and most importantly protects children from serious violent criminals. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 5403 – SAFE AND TIMELY INTERSTATE PLACEMENT OF FOSTER CHILDREN ACT OF 2006.** Amends the Social Security Act to streamline the adoption process, benefiting the children in need of parental figures. The bill would require states receiving requests from other states to assess the suitability of placing a child in a home to complete such studies within 60 days. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 5126, TRUTH IN CALLER ID ACT OF 2006.** The Caller ID Act prohibits from fraudulently misrepresenting phone number to caller identification information when placing phone calls to others with the intent to break the law. (House Passed)
- ✓ **S. 193, BROADCAST DECENCY ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2005.** Increases the fine for broadcasting indecent material by a factor of ten. Current FCC fines against broadcasters are \$32,000 per violation. This Act will increase the fines to \$320,000 per violation. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.RES. 323, SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO INCREASE CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS, TREATMENT, AND RESEARCH.** Supports the effort to promote childhood cancer awareness in the areas of prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, post-treatment monitoring, and long-term survival. (House Passed)
Vote Results: Yeas-393, Nays-0
- ✓ **H.R. 4411, INTERNET GAMBLING PROHIBITION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT.** Cracks down on the dangers of internet gambling and helps protect children and families from the addiction of online gambling and seeks to prevent sites from being used for money laundering, drug trafficking, and terrorist financing.
Vote Results: Ayes-314, Noes-93
- ✓ **H.R. 4472, THE CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFETY ACT.** By-passes limitations currently in place for sharing sex offender information between states by allowing school districts to access FBI criminal data before choosing to hire a new employee. The bill additionally improves the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Program, creates the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website, increases penalties for using the Internet for the sexual exploitation of children; and Increases law enforcement's ability to combat child pornography.
- ✓ **H.R. 5319, THE DELETING ONLINE PREDATORS ACT OF 2006.** Prevents the access of children to a chat room or social networking website, requires libraries to prevent the access of children without parental authorization to a chat room or social networking website, and Requires the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to create a website and issue consumer alerts to inform parents, teachers, and school officials about the potential dangers on the Internet.

STRENGTHENING HEALTHCARE AND EDUCATION

- ✓ **H.R. 525, SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH FAIRNESS ACT.** Addresses both the access and cost issues at the heart of the healthcare reform debate. The bill allows small businesses to join

together through association health plans (AHPs) to purchase health insurance for their workers at a lower cost. The measure would increase small businesses' bargaining power with health care providers and give them freedom from costly state-mandated benefit packages. (House Passed)

- ✓ **H.R.1812, PATIENT NAVIGATOR OUTREACH AND CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION ACT OF 2005.** Authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), to make grants to eligible entities for the development and operation of demonstration programs to provide patient navigator services to improve health care outcomes. The bill does not authorize funding for the delivery of health care services other than the patient navigator duties outlined in the legislation. (Public Law)
- ✓ **H.R. 3204, THE STATE HIGH RISK POOL FUNDING EXTENSION ACT OF 2005.** Will help people obtain affordable health insurance policies. The bill authorizes federal grant money to support the operation of high-risk pools and provide health insurance for individuals who have been unable to purchase coverage due to pre-existing conditions, chronic illnesses or conditions that make them too expensive to insure. (House and Senate Passed, awaiting Presidential action)
- ✓ **S.544, THE PATIENT SAFETY QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACT.** Offers narrow liability protection to encourage the anonymous reporting of errors to newly-created patient safety organizations, which will analyze the information and work with doctors to identify the changes necessary to prevent these errors. In a groundbreaking 1998 report, the Institute of Medicine estimated that between 44,000 and 98,000 Americans die each year as a result of medical errors. (Public Law)
- ✓ **H.R. 2123, THE SCHOOL READINESS ACT OF 2005.** Introduces greater competition into the federal Head Start early childhood program and uses it to strengthen school readiness, increase the role of states and local communities in Head Start, and protect children and taxpayers against the abuse and mismanagement of federal Head Start funds. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 366, VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR THE FUTURE ACT.** Helps states better utilize federal funds for secondary and postsecondary vocational education programs, increases accountability and emphasizes student achievement, and strengthens opportunities for coordination between secondary and postsecondary vocational and technical education. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 2520, STEM CELL THERAPEUTIC AND RESEARCH ACT OF 2005.** To provide for the collection and maintenance of human cord blood stem cells for the treatment of patients and research, and to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program. (Public Law)
- ✓ **S. 2363,** Authorizes the Secretary of Education to carry out the educational flexibility (Ed-Flex) program to allow states that were in the program on September 30, 2004, to continue to waive statutory and regulatory requirements applicable to certain federally-funded education programs until the reauthorization of part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 609, COLLEGE ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2006.** Strengthens and improves the nation's higher education system by expanding college access for low and middle income students. The plan will also bolster our higher education system by restoring the focus on students. In addition, the College Access & Opportunity Act includes a host of reforms to safeguard the interests of students and parents – and the pocketbooks of American taxpayers. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 4894, THE SCHOOL SAFETY ACQUIRING FACULTY EXCELLENCE ACT.** Allows all states access to national criminal data bases to obtain criminal information when hiring teachers. (House Passed)

Vote Results: Yeas-415, Nays-1

- ✓ **H.R. 5573, HEALTH CENTERS RENEWAL ACT OF 2006.** Amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize over \$10 billion for the health centers program, which provides cost-effective, quality health care to poor and medically underserved people in the United States. (House Passed)
Vote Results: Yeas-424, Nays-3
- ✓ **H.R. 4157, THE HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROMOTION ACT.** Updates outdated diagnosis coding systems for the 21st century; Promotes cooperation between states and the federal government to increase the security of medical records; Provides grants to promote the use of health information technology in small physician practices and for the uninsured; and Provides for a national framework for the use of interoperable health information technology.

RESPONDING TO NATURAL DISASTERS

- ✓ **H.R. 240, SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF A NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND REMEMBRANCE FOR THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA AND ENCOURAGING ALL AMERICANS TO OBSERVE THAT DAY.** Resolves that Congress supports the goals and ideals of a national day of prayer and remembrance for the victims of Hurricane Katrina and encourages all Americans to observe that day. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 425, EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE NATION TO THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA.** Expresses the condolences of the Nation to the victims of Hurricane Katrina and commends the resiliency and courage of the people of the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. Commits to provide the necessary resources and to stand by the people of affected region. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 428, EXPRESSING THE SINCERE GRATITUDE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FOREIGN INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND GOVERNMENTS THAT HAVE OFFERED MATERIAL ASSISTANCE AND OTHER FORMS OF SUPPORT TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY HURRICANE KATRINA.** Expresses sincere gratitude to the foreign individuals, organizations, and governments that have offered material assistance and other forms of support to those who have been affected by Hurricane Katrina. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 437, ESTABLISHING THE SELECT BIPARTISAN COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE PREPARATION FOR AND RESPONSE TO HURRICANE KATRINA.** Establishes the Select Bipartisan Committee to conduct a full and complete investigation and study regarding the development, coordination, and execution by local, State, and Federal authorities of emergency preparation and response plans. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 889, COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 2005.** Reauthorizes the Coast Guard in FY 2006, and includes language to help the service deal with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Provides an additional \$60 million to reimburse the Coast Guard for the cost of rescuing approximately 6,500 people stranded by the hurricane. (House and Senate Passed, awaiting Presidential action)
- ✓ **H.R. 2132, EXTENDING THE WAIVER AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION WITH RESPECT TO STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DURING A WAR OR OTHER MILITARY OPERATION OR NATIONAL EMERGENCY.** Extends through September 30, 2007, the waiver authority of the Secretary of Education with respect to student financial assistance during a war or other military operation or national emergency. (Public Law)
- ✓ **H.R. 3169, PELL GRANT HURRICANE AND DISASTER RELIEF ACT.** Permits the Secretary of Education to provide a waiver for students required to repay Pell Grants because they were forced to withdraw from classes due to a natural disaster as declared by the President. (Public Law)
- ✓ **H.R. 3645, EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT TO MEET IMMEDIATE NEEDS ARISING FROM CONSEQUENCES OF HURRICANE KATRINA 2005.** Provides \$10.5 billion for immediate needs in response to Hurricane Katrina and the flooding. (Public Law)

- ✓ **H.R. 3650, FEDERAL JUDICIARY EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSIONS ACT.** Authorizes federal courts to conduct special sessions outside their respective geographic boundaries if their normal operations are interrupted because of emergency conditions. (Public Law)
- ✓ **H.R. 3668, STUDENT GRANT HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF ACT.** Permits the Secretary of Education to provide a waiver for students required to repay grant aid (TRIO, GEAR UP, LEAP, SEOG) because they were forced to withdraw from classes due to a natural disaster as declared by the President. (Public Law)
- ✓ **H.R. 3669, NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM ENHANCED BORROWING AUTHORITY ACT OF 2005.** Increases FEMA's borrowing authority for the National Flood Insurance Program by \$2 billion to ensure prompt response to claim holders. (Public Law)
- ✓ **H.R. 3672, TANF EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY ACT OF 2005.** Provides all states immediate access to their next quarter's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant and immediately makes available \$4.2 billion in flexible funds to all states for use in supporting those families with children affected by Hurricane Katrina. (Public Law)
- ✓ **H.R. 3673, SECOND EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT TO MEET IMMEDIATE NEEDS ARISING FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF HURRICANE KATRINA 2005.** Provides \$51.8 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Disaster Relief Fund (DRF), \$1.4 billion for the Department of Defense, and \$400 million for the Army Corps of Engineers to repair damaged infrastructure. Additionally, Congress included reporting and accountability requirements to ensure spending of taxpayer dollars are spent wisely towards disaster relief. (Public Law)
- ✓ **H.R. 3736, KATRINA VOLUNTEER PROTECTION ACT OF 2005.** The measure makes clear that everyone who helps those who have suffered harm in the wake of Hurricane Katrina will be covered by some basic legal protections. Volunteers who act in good faith to assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina without compensation, do not have to worry about lawsuits unless they act in a willful, wanton, reckless, or criminal manner. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 3761, FLEXIBILITY FOR DISPLACED WORKERS ACT.** Adds significant new flexibility to the National Emergency Grant (NEG) program, which provides temporary disaster relief employment and training of up to six months. Makes NEG funds outside the designated Hurricane Katrina disaster area and permits previously-awarded NEG funds to be directed to workers impacted by Hurricane Katrina. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 3768, KATRINA EMERGENCY TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2005.** Holds families harmless against the loss of tax benefits due to temporary relocations; ensures that families are not taxed on forgiven debt; provides tax relief for housing assistance to dislocated persons; allows full deductibility of personal casualty losses; waives 10-percent tax on early distributions from IRAs and pensions for individuals affected by the hurricane; extends the Work Opportunity Tax Credit; provides an Employee Retention Tax Credit; and expands the availability of below-market mortgages in the disaster areas. Includes several charitable giving provisions that encourage donations by individuals and corporations. (Public Law)
- ✓ **H.R. 3827, IMMIGRATION RELIEF FOR HURRICANE KATRINA VICTIMS ACT OF 2005.** Provides humanitarian relief to law-abiding legal aliens and their families. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 4133, NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM ENHANCED BORROWING AUTHORITY ACT OF 2005.** Increases FEMA's borrowing authority for the National Flood Insurance Program from \$3.5 billion to \$18.5 billion to carry out the flood insurance program. (Public Law)
- ✓ **H.R. 4440, THE GULF OPPORTUNITY ZONE ACT OF 2005.** Increases incentives to rebuild housing. Raises the Rehabilitation Tax Credit to help restore commercial buildings. Provides Employer Housing Incentives. Expands the availability of below-market mortgages in the disaster areas. Provides 50-percent bonus depreciation to help businesses rebuild in

the Zone. Provides enhanced section 179 expensing to assist small businesses. Extends the Net Operating Loss (NOL) carry back. Speeds rebuilding efforts by temporarily reducing demolition and cleanup costs. Provides incentives and relief for small timber owners. Expands and extends the Employee Retention Tax Credit. Doubles the Hope Scholarship and Lifetime Learning Credit. Provides New Markets Tax Credit. Creates additional tax-exempt bond authority to help rebuild devastated infrastructure in the GO Zone. Allows States and municipalities to reduce costs by restructuring outstanding debt. Authorizes GO Zone States to issue Gulf Tax Credit Debt service bonds. Expresses the sense of Congress that one or more series of savings bonds should be designated as “Gulf Coast Recovery Bonds.” (Public Law)

- ✓ **H.R. 5354 – HURRICANE RELIEF EXTENSION ACT OF 2006.** Amends the Hurricane Education Recovery Act to extend beyond the 2006 school year to assist state and local educational agencies. The Act provides temporary emergency impact aid for elementary and secondary schools that enroll students displaced by Hurricane Katrina or Rita. (House Passed)
- ✓ **S. 2803, MINE IMPROVEMENT AND NEW EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT OF 2006.** Amends the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 to improve the safety of mines and mining after the tragic incidents that befell miners this year. The bill provides miners with enhanced communication and tracking devices, emergency response procedures, and air supplies. Additionally the bill increases the maximum civil penalty for violations of mine safety from \$60,000 to \$220,000. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 4356, EMERGENCY AND DISASTER ASSISTANCE FRAUD PENALTY ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2005.** Prohibits any type of fraud involved in a presidential declared disaster or emergency. The bill imposes a fine up to \$1 million and/or a prison term of up to 30 years for wire, radio, television, or mail fraud. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 4973, FLOOD INSURANCE REFORM AND MODERNIZATION ACT.** Strengthens the federal flood insurance program by ending subsidies for vacation homes and raising the cap on annual coverage premiums. (House Passed)
Vote Results: Yeas-416, Nays-4

FUNDING AMERICA’S PRIORITIES

- ✓ **H.R. 95, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FY 2006.** Establishes the congressional budget for the United States Government for FY 2006, revises appropriate budgetary levels for FY 2005, and sets forth appropriate budgetary levels for FY 2007- 2010. (House and Senate Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 2744, FY2006 AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006.** Provides \$17.1 billion in total discretionary resources to protect human health and safety, fulfill commitments to important food and nutrition programs, and support farmers, ranchers, and rural America. (Public Law)
- ✓ **H.R. 2863, FY2006 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT.** Over budgetary highlights Military Personnel \$84.1 billion, Operation and Maintenance \$116.1 billion, Procurement \$76.8 billion, Research, Development, Test and Evaluation \$71.7 billion, Revolving and Management Funds \$2.8 billion, Other Department of Defense Programs \$2.5 billion, Emergency Wartime Appropriation \$45.3 billion. (Conference Report passed in the House)
- ✓ **H.R. 2419, FY2006 ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT.** Provides a total of \$30.5 billion in budget authority for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Civil, the Department of Interior including the Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Energy, and several Independent Agencies. (Public Law)
- ✓ **H.R. 3057, FY2006 FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT.** Provides \$20.9 billion for the highest priorities of our country’s foreign assistance portfolio, including \$2.8 billion

global assistance to combat HIV/AIDS; record level funding for the Millennium Challenge Corporation; and significant increases in security assistance to our allies in the global war on terrorism. (Public Law)

- ✓ **H.R. 2360, FY2006 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FY 2006.** Provides \$30.8 billion for operations and activities of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS): including \$19.1 billion for border protection, immigration enforcement, and related activities; \$3.3 billion for first responders; \$6.3 billion for TSA, including Federal Air Marshals (FAMs); and \$625 million to enhance Infrastructure Protection and Information Security's work to protect our critical infrastructure and key assets.(Public Law)
- ✓ **H.R. 2361, FY2006 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT.** Provides \$26.2 billion for the Department of the Interior for: the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Minerals Management Service, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, departmental offices for insular affairs, departmental management, the Office of the Solicitor, the Office of the Inspector General, the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, and natural resource damage assessment and restoration. (Public Law)
- ✓ **H.R. 3010, FY2006 DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT.** Provides \$142.514 billion to protecting priority education programs, medical research and health programs. (Conference Report passed in the House)
- ✓ **H.R. 2985, FY2006 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT.** Provides \$3.804 billion for the operation of the U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Senate, Library of Congress, and Capitol Visitor's Center. (Public Law)
- ✓ **H.R. 2528, FY2006 MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT.** Provides \$6.2 billion for military construction, \$5.1 billion for active duty construction and \$1.1 billion for reserve components. Provides \$22.5 billion for Veterans Medical Services. Over the last two years, funding for Veterans medical care has increased by 18 percent. Veteran's Benefits are increased \$1.9 billion over last year. (Public Law)
- ✓ **H.R. 2862, FY2006 SCIENCE AND DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT.** Provides \$57.85 billion for the Department of Commerce and Related Agencies, Science Agencies, State Department and the Broadcasting Board of Governors, Federal Communications Commission, Securities and Exchange Commission, Legal Services Corporation, and the Small Business Administration. (Public Law)
- ✓ **H.R. 3058, FY2006 TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, THE JUDICIARY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT.** Provides \$65.9 billion for highway spending, supports aviation, addresses critical housing needs, supports National anti-drug efforts, and provides for smarter, more efficient Amtrak operations. (Public Law)
- ✓ **S. 1281, NASA AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005.** Reauthorizes the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for FY06 and FY07. The bill fully funds Exploration, the Space Shuttle the Space Station, and increases funding for priorities such as aeronautics, and a Hubble Space Telescope Servicing Mission. (House and Senate Passed, awaiting Presidential action)
- ✓ **H.R. 1815, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006.** To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. (Conference Report passed in the House and Senate. Awaiting Presidential action)
- ✓ **H.CON.RES.354,** Requires an institution of higher education to provide military recruiters with access to that university's campus and students which is equal to that which is provided to any other employer in order to be eligible for the receipt of certain Federal funds. (House Passed)

SECURING THE HOMELAND

- ✓ **H.R. 418, REAL ID ACT OF 2005.** To establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, and to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence. (Public Law)
- ✓ **H.R. 841, CONTINUITY IN REPRESENTATION ACT OF 2005.** Requires States to hold special elections to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives not later than 45 days after the vacancy is announced by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in extraordinary circumstances. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 1544, FASTER AND SMARTER FUNDING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS ACT OF 2005.** Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to set forth provisions governing Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grant funding for first responders. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 2475, INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FY 2006.** Continues the commitment to the Global War on Terrorism and to ensuring that intelligence resources are directed in a balanced way toward threats to our national security. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 1400, SECURING AIRCRAFT COCKPITS AGAINST LASERS ACT.** Amends the federal criminal code to prohibit knowingly aiming the beam of a laser pointer at an aircraft, or at the flight of an aircraft, in the special aircraft jurisdiction of the United States. Makes such act punishable by a fine, up to five years' imprisonment, or both. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 3199, USA PATRIOT IMPROVEMENT AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005.** Amends the USA PATRIOT Act to require an order granting roving surveillance authority under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (FISA), if the nature and location of each of the facilities or places at which the surveillance will be directed and the identity of the target are not known, to include sufficient information to describe a specific target with particularity. (Conference Report passed in the House)
- ✓ **H.R. 4437, BORDER PROTECTION, ANTITERRORISM, AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION CONTROL ACT OF 2005.** To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to strengthen enforcement of the immigration laws, to enhance border security, and for other purposes. (House Passed)
- ✓ **S. 2271, USA PATRIOT ACT ADDITIONAL REAUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2006.** House Republicans are dedicated to protecting and balancing our national security and liberty. Following the September 11th attacks the USA Patriot Act has played a key role in a number of successful operations to protect innocent Americans by strengthening our national security and bolstering law enforcement in the War on Terror. The reauthorization includes new oversight measures that will insure that security and liberty remain balanced. Furthermore, the USA Patriot Act reauthorization goes further than the original bill by adding tools to enable law enforcement officials to combat the production and distribution of methamphetamine, an addictive stimulant considered to be the most significant drug abuse problem in our nation. With the new law in place, law enforcement officers will now be able restrict the availability of meth to criminals while preserving the ability of legitimate users to obtain such medicines for proper use. (Public Law)
- ✓ **H.R. 4939, EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR, AND HURRICANE RECOVERY, 2006.** Makes emergency supplemental appropriations for FY2006 for the global war on terror to the Department of Agriculture (DOA) in connection with Foreign Agricultural Service grants. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 5020, INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007.** Provides strategic and substantial enhancements in funding for critical, world-wide intelligence capabilities and strengthens our overall capacity. (House Passed)

- ✓ **H.R. 5122, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FY 2007.** Authorizes \$512.9 billion in budget authority for the Department of Defense and the national security programs of the Department of Energy. The legislation includes \$50 billion in supplemental funding to support current operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere in the Global War on Terrorism. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 4681 – PALESTINIAN ANTI-TERRORISM ACT OF 2006.** Promotes U.S. policy towards the development of democratic institutions in areas under the administrative control of the Palestinian Authority. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.RES.861, DECLARING THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL PREVAIL IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR, THE STRUGGLE TO PROTECT FREEDOM FROM THE TERRORIST ADVERSARY.** To declare that it is not in the national security interest of the United States to set an arbitrary date for the withdrawal of United States Armed Forces in Iraq until a sovereign, free, secure, and united Iraq has been established. (House Passed)
Vote Results: Yeas-256, Nays-153
- ✓ **H.R. 5337, THE NATIONAL SECURITY FOREIGN INVESTMENT REFORM AND STRENGTHENED TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2006.** Updates CFIUS for a post 9/11 world in which all facets of America's interactions with other nations – particularly trade and financial relationships. Enhances national security while promoting foreign investment and creating and maintaining jobs.
- ✓ **H.R. 5682, UNITED STATES AND INDIA NUCLEAR COOPERATION PROMOTION ACT.** Exempts a future peaceful nuclear cooperation agreement with India from current statutory restrictions in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (AEA), as amended, that would otherwise not permit the export of nuclear items and materials to India.

SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS, HONORING OUR VETERANS

- ✓ **H.R. 191, COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE WAR IN THE PACIFIC AND HONORING VETERANS OF BOTH THE PACIFIC AND ATLANTIC THEATERS OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR.** (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 36, EXPRESSING THE CONGRESS FOR EQUAL ACCESS OF MILITARY RECRUITERS TO INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.** Discourages Congress and the executive Branch from issuing Federal Contracts and Grants to institutions of higher education that prevent military recruiters from having access to their campus. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 119, RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE US MARINE CORPS ON THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF IWO JIMA.** (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 120,** Commending the outstanding efforts by members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees of the Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development in response to the earthquake and tsunami of December 26, 2004. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 256, EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE BRAVE SERVICEMEN WHO PERISHED IN THE DISASTROUS APRIL 24, 1980, RESCUE ATTEMPT OF THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES IN IRAN.** Recognizes the bravery, sacrifice, and patriotism of the soldiers, airmen, sailors, and Marines who participated in Operation Eagle Claw and commends all of the Special Operation Forces currently in service. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 458, MILITARY PERSONNEL FINANCIAL SERVICES PROTECTION ACT.** Amends the Investment Company Act of 1940 to make it unlawful: for any registered Investment Company to issue any periodic payment plan certificate; or for such company or any depositor or underwriter of such company, or other person, to sell such a certificate. States that existing certificates are not invalidated. (House Passed)
- ✓ **S. 1234, VETERANS' COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 2005.** Provides a cost-of-living adjustment to the rates of disability compensation for veterans with

service-connected disabilities and to the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans effective December 1, 2005. (Public Law)

- ✓ **H.R. 3665, VETERANS HOUSING IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2005.** Authorizes a five-year pilot program to provide for specially adaptive housing assistance to certain severely disabled veterans residing temporarily in housing owned by a family member. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 4388, TAX REVISION ACT OF 2005.** Amends the Internal Revenue Code to extend through 2006: the taxpayer election to include combat zone compensation as earned income for purposes of computing the earned income tax credit; the increased cover over (payment) to the Treasuries of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands of distilled spirit excise tax revenues; the authority for certain Internal Revenue Service (IRS) undercover investigative operations; and the authority for disclosure of tax return information for combined employment tax reporting, for combating terrorist activities, and for student loan repayment. Allows, through 2006, the tax deduction for income attributable to domestic production activities for taxpayers with income from sources in Puerto Rico. Amends the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (CAFTA-DR) to revise formulae for determining the regional value-content of certain import/export goods. (House Passed) *The provision extending a special rule allowing military personnel the option of including their combat pay – which is tax-free – when computing their eligibility for the Earned Income Credit (EIC) has been included in H.R. 4440 and is awaiting presidential action.*
- ✓ **S. 1184,** A bill to waive the passport fees for a relative of a deceased member of the Armed Forces who is traveling abroad to visit the grave or to attend a funeral or memorial service. (Public Law)
- ✓ **H.R. 5037, RESPECT FOR AMERICA’S FALLEN HEROES ACT.** Honors our bravest troops by prohibiting a person from carrying out a demonstration at a cemetery under the control of the National Cemetery Administration or at Arlington National Cemetery. The bill also prohibits a person from carrying out a demonstration within 500 feet of a cemetery at which a funeral or memorial service is to be held for a fallen soldier. (Awaiting Presidential Action)
- ✓ **H.R. 1499, HEROES EARNED RETIREMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT.** The HERO Act would treat tax-free combat pay as taxable compensation for purpose of making annual IRA contributions. The provision is effective for contributions made after December 31, 2003 – providing our troops with up to \$70 million in tax benefits over the next 10 years. (House Passed)
- ✓ **S. 1235, VETERANS’ BENEFITS IMPROVEMENT ACT** Offers veterans using the adaptive housing grants funding to modify the homes of family members assisting them, to better accommodate their injuries. The bill also expands the current outreach efforts of the Department of Labor to educate employers on the benefits of hiring veterans and protects servicemembers from increases on reinstated health insurance coverage once released from active duty.
- ✓ **H.CON.RES.354,** Requires an institution of higher education to provide military recruiters with access to that university’s campus and students which is equal to that which is provided to any other employer in order to be eligible for the receipt of certain Federal funds. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 5385, MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007.** Provides a historic \$25 billion for Veterans Medical Services – \$2.6 billion above last year’s level, representing a 70 percent increase in total funding over the last 6 years; increases funding by \$20 million for facility improvements in existing state veterans’ homes; increases basic medical research funding by \$13 million, for a total of \$412 million; adds \$12 million to upgrade Veterans Affairs medical research facilities nationwide; and increases the defense health program by \$1 billion, for a total of \$21 billion. (House passed).

- ✓ **S. 1235 – VETERANS BENEFITS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2005.** The Act looks to improve and extend housing interest rates, insurance coverage, outreach awareness, and benefit and employment programs for Veterans, most notably for our homeless veterans. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 4843, VETERANS' COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 2006.** Increases the rates of veterans' disability compensation, additional compensation for dependents, and the clothing allowance for certain disabled adult children, and dependency and indemnity compensation for surviving spouses and children, as of December 1, 2006. (House Passed)

PROMOTING DEMOCRACY, FREEDOM AND PEACE

- ✓ **H.R.60, RELATING TO THE FREE ELECTION IN IRAQ HELD ON JANUARY 30, 2005.** Congratulates the people of Iraq, in particular those individuals who participated in the political process as voters, poll workers, observers, party workers, or candidates for the Transitional National Assembly, for having taken part in the historic and inspiring Iraqi election of January 30, 2005 (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 135, HOUSE DEMOCRACY ASSISTANCE COMMISSION RESOLUTION.** House commission to work with the parliaments of selected countries that have established or are developing democratic parliaments. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 356, CONDEMNING IN THE STRONGEST TERMS THE TERRORIST ATTACKS IN LONDON, ENGLAND, ON JULY 7, 2005.** (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 912, HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE CODE OF CONDUCT ACT.** Requires that United States government assistance for humanitarian relief operations will be available only to organizations that have adopted a code of conduct incorporating the core principles of the United Nations Inter-Agency Standing Committee Task Force on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in Humanitarian Crises. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 1973, WATER FOR THE POOR ACT OF 2005.** Amends the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to authorize the President to furnish assistance for programs in developing countries to provide affordable and equitable access to safe water and sanitation. (Public Law)
- ✓ **H.R. 2601, FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT, FY 2006-2007.** Authorizes funding for the U.S. Department of State, U.S. international broadcasting activities, and security assistance to America's allies. The bill strengthens the U.S. Government's development and coordination of nonproliferation and export control policy to counter proliferation of dangerous missile and nuclear technology, and to assure that export law is integrated with U.S. national security interests in the war on terrorism. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 2745, UNITED NATIONS REFORM ACT.** United Nations Reform Act Highlights Mandating U.N. Budget Oversight, Inserting Accountability and Ethics into the U.N., Reforming the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, Strengthening the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and Accountability in Peacekeeping. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 3045, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC-CENTRAL AMERICA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (CAFTA).** Approves the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement (DR-CAFTA), entered into with the governments of the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. (Public Law)

RESTORING INTEGRITY TO GOVERNMENT

- ✓ **H.R. 513, THE 527 REFORM ACT.** 527 groups raise and spend unlimited and virtually unregulated sums of money on political activities. The primary goal of the 2002 Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Act was to eliminate big money in political campaigns. Unfortunately, big money donors are exploiting a loophole by contributing to unregulated 527 groups. The 527 Reform Act brings 527 groups under the same set of federal campaign finance rules as every other political committee spending money to influence federal elections. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 4975, THE LOBBYING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT.**

The American people have every right to expect the highest ethical standards from their elected leaders. House Republicans have taken steps to assure the people that those standards are being met. House Republicans passed comprehensive changes designed to re-establish the sense of trust between the people and their government by reforming Congress and bringing greater transparency, disclosure and accountability to government. (House Passed)

- ✓ **H.R. 4890, LEGISLATIVE LINE ITEM VETO ACT OF 2006.** Allows the president to have 45 days to transmit a message to Congress proposing to cancel any discretionary budget authority, direct spending item, or targeted tax benefit deemed to be excessive. The bill seeks to protect the American taxpayer by eliminating wasteful and superfluous spending from our budget while at the same time playing a role in reducing the federal deficit. (House Passed)

Vote Results: Ayes-247, Noes-172

MEETING AMERICA'S PRIORITIES WHILE SPENDING TAXPAYER DOLLARS WISELY

- ✓ **H.CON.RES.376, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FY 2007.** Provides \$873 billion for regular appropriations bills – an increase of 3.6% over FY06. Grants \$6.45 billion for emergency reserve, \$50 billion for war reserve and allows for \$6.8 billion in mandatory savings over five years. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 5384 - AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007.** Provides \$18.4 billion in total discretionary resources. The Act will support our nation's farmers and ranchers and provide needed funding for research into public health issues and food safety while spending taxpayer dollars wisely. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 5427 - ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FY 2007.** Provides \$30 billion in funding for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of Energy, and the Department of Interior. The Act seeks to help keep our air and water clean and put our nation on the path to energy independence. Calls for additional funding for research into a variety of alternative energy technologies, including biomass, hydrogen, solar, wind, and clean coal. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 5441 - DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007.** Provides \$32.08 billion for the Department of Homeland Security. Funds critical programs to protect our nation's ports and borders and prevent terrorist attacks. Seeks to meet urgent security challenges and address the need to better respond to natural disasters with emphasis on border security, port security and increased cargo screening, and disaster preparedness based on the lessons of Hurricane Katrina. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 5521, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007.** Provides \$3.03 billion for Legislative Branch spending for the House of Representatives, Capitol Police, CBO, Architect of the Capitol, Library of Congress, GPO, GAO and the Open World Leadership Center. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 5522, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007.** Funds our international obligations to help the suffering and supports freedom around the globe. Focuses on assisting the fight on HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria along with encouraging the spread of free trade and provide increased security assistance to our allies in the war on terror. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 4939, EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR, AND HURRICANE RECOVERY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006.** Provides \$94.5 billion for critical defense, military, and hurricane relief. The bill will ensure our troops have the support and equipment they need to successfully carry out their mission to its maximum potential while also funding for hurricane disaster relief based on the lessons we learned from Hurricane Katrina. (Awaiting Presidential Action)

Vote Results: Yeas-357, Nays-67

- ✓ **H.R. 5576, TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, THE JUDICIARY, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007.** Provides \$67.8 billion for the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development, the War on Drugs, Federal-aid highways program, District of Columbia, Federal Judiciary, Member projects and other agencies. (House Passed)

Vote Results: Yeas-406, Nays-22

- ✓ **H.R. 5631, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007.** Supports our military men and women who put their lives on the line to keep us safe and protects our nation. The bill calls for \$377.6 billion (PLUS a \$50 billion bridge fund for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan) for the essential needs of our troops. Additionally, the bill fully funds the 2.2 percent pay raise for our deserving military.

Vote Results: Yeas-407, Nays-19

- ✓ **H.R. 5672, SCIENCE, STATE, JUSTICE, COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007.** Funds federal agencies like the F.B.I., the Small Business Administration, and the National Science Foundation and address' national priorities like border security, the growing problem of methamphetamine abuse, and increasing the competitiveness of the U.S. (House Passed)

Vote Results: Yeas-393, Nays-23

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MEETING AMERICA'S NEEDS

- ✓ **H.R. 5253, FEDERAL ENERGY PRICE PROTECTION ACT OF 2006.** Legislation to prohibit price gouging, at anytime, in the market for gasoline, diesel fuel, crude oil, home heating oil, and biofuels. The bill directs the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to define “price gouging,” “wholesale sale,” and “retail sale;” provides for strong civil enforcement by the FTC and by states’ attorneys general, and criminal enforcement by the U.S. attorney general and the Department of Justice; and provides for both civil and criminal penalties for price gouging. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 5252, COMMUNICATIONS OPPORTUNITY, PROMOTION, AND ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2006.** Creates a single, national approval process that will speed the entry of competitors into the multi-channel video marketplace. The bill preserves Net Neutrality by giving the FCC the explicit power to go after companies that violate network neutrality principles. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 4167, NATIONAL UNIFORMITY FOR FOOD ACT OF 2005.** Provides for a single set of national food safety standards and warning requirements for packaged foods. NUFA coordinates and harmonizes federal, state, and local concerns and enhances consumer protection throughout the country, while at the same time protecting states’ rights. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 5638, THE PERMANENT ESTATE TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2006.** Reunifies the estate, gift, and generation-skipping transfer taxes and increases the estate and gift tax exemption to \$5 million per person. In addition, married couples can carry over any unused part of their spouse’s \$5 million exemption. For estates between \$5 million and \$25 million, the rate of tax will be the same as the capital gains tax rate. On estates valued at more than \$25 million, the top marginal rate of tax will be double the capital gains tax rate. (House Passed)
Vote Results: Ayes-269, Noes-156
- ✓ **H.R. 42, THE FREEDOM TO DISPLAY THE AMERICAN FLAG ACT OF 2005.** Protects Americans’ right to fly our flag by ensuring that condominium associations, cooperative associations, and residential real estate management associations do not prevent residents from flying the American flag on their private property. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 2990, CREDIT RATING AGENCY DUOPOLY RELIEF ACT OF 2005.** Requires the Securities and Exchange Commission to establish a registration process for credit rating agencies (groups that determine credit worthiness of securities or money market instruments) that seek to be designated by the SEC as a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.
Vote Results: Ayes-255, Noes-166
- ✓ **H.R. 9, FANNIE LOU HAMER, ROSA PARKS, AND CORETTA SCOTT KING VOTING RIGHTS ACT REAUTHORIZATION AND AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2006.** Renews expiring provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 for an additional 25 years.
Vote Results: Ayes-390, Noes-33
- ✓ **H.R. 2389, PLEDGE PROTECTION ACT OF 2005.** Prevents activist federal judges from denying citizens the right to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Instead, the bill gives state courts the authority to rule on the constitutionality of the Pledge for their state only. (House Passed)
Vote Results: Ayes-260, Noes-167
- ✓ **H.R. 4, THE PENSION PROTECTION ACT OF 2006.** Ensure employers properly and adequately fund their worker pension plans; Protect taxpayers from costly bailouts of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; Require companies to provide more information to workers about the status of their pension plans; and Makes commonsense modifications to

defined contribution laws to encourage greater personal savings for retirement and other needs.

SECURING AMERICA'S NATURAL RESOURCES

- ✓ **H.R. 4200, FOREST EMERGENCY RECOVERY AND RESEARCH ACT.** Declares that any catastrophic event over 1,000 acres must be quickly evaluated and restoration recommendations must be made. Additionally, the bill strengthens forest research methods, expands authorized uses of several funding sources for both federal and non-federal land, and ensures collaboration with tribes, state and local governments, colleges and universities, and other interested people.
- ✓ **H.R. 5429 – THE AMERICAN-MADE ENERGY AND GOOD JOBS ACT.** Authorizes oil and gas exploration and production in the small region of Alaska's Artic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) in an environmentally safe manner. The Act reduces our dependence on foreign sources of oil by expanding our domestic energy supply while at the same time stimulating our economy and creating hundreds of thousands of new jobs. Also provides additional funding to ports and inbound cargo in order to prevent terrorists and criminals from exploiting the international commerce system. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 5254, REFINERY PERMIT PROCESS SCHEDULE ACT.** Act calls for the construction of new oil refineries to help put our country on the path to energy independence. Seeks to decrease dependence of foreign energy sources at a time when many Americans are feeling the high cost of gasoline. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 4761, DEEP OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCES ACT OF 2006.** A progressive step toward reducing America's dependence on foreign sources of energy. The bill allows for environmentally responsible energy development on the Outer Continental Shelf of the United States while creating hundreds of thousands of new jobs. (House Passed)
Vote Results: Ayes-232, Noes-187

STRENGTHENING AMERICA'S COMPETITIVENESS

- ✓ **H.R. 5143, H-PRIZE ACT OF 2006.** Establishes a prize competition to encourage the development of breakthrough technologies that would make hydrogen a practical alternative to oil in our transportation sector. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 5684, UNITED STATES-OMAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT.** Permits that 100% of bilateral trade in industrial and consumer products will become duty-free immediately upon entry into force of the Agreement. In addition, Oman and the United States will provide each other immediate duty-free access on virtually all products in their tariff schedules and will phase out tariffs on the remaining handful of products within ten years. (House Passed)
Vote Results: Yeas-221, Nays-205

PROTECTING SMALL BUSINESSES AND INVESTORS

- ✓ **H.R. 4297, TAX RELIEF EXTENSION RECONCILIATION ACT.** Provides families, seniors, and small businesses with tax relief by extending the alternative minimum tax relief, extending enhanced expensing for small business through 2009, and extending lower tax rates on dividend and capital gains income through 2010. (Public Law)

PROTECTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- ✓ **H.R. 4472, CHILDREN'S SAFETY AND VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION ACT OF 2005.** Includes and modifies H.R. 3132, "The Children's Safety Act," passed on September 14, 2005. This Act enhances Sex Offender Registration and Notification laws to protect the public and adopts a tiering system for classifying sex offenders based on the seriousness of their crime, criminal history and overall risk of repeat offenses on a victim. Requires Internet posting of

sex offenders on state and national websites, adopts comprehensive civil commitment measures to protect against sexual predators, allows for a flexible approach for states to comply with new requirements and most importantly protects children from serious violent criminals. (House Passed)

- ✓ **H.R. 2829, OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005.** Reauthorizes the ONDCP within the Executive Office of the President through FY 2010. The plan also renews congressional authorization for national programs administered by ONDCP and makes the development and implementation of Federal drug policy more streamlined, effective, and accountable. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 4943, PREVENTION OF FRAUDULENT ACCESS TO PHONE RECORDS ACT.** Protects the privacy of consumers from identity thieves, stalkers, and unscrupulous data brokers which can access telephone calling records they believed were kept private by their telephone company. The Act bans the practice of fraudulently obtaining, or attempting to obtain, telephone records; gives the Federal Trade Commission authority to seek civil penalties against violators; mandates new data safety requirements for telephone companies; and increases fines for companies that do not do enough to protect this sensitive data. The bill increases fines to a maximum of \$300,000 per incident, up from \$100,000, with a maximum fine of \$3 million for multiple violations. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 5403 – SAFE AND TIMELY INTERSTATE PLACEMENT OF FOSTER CHILDREN ACT OF 2006.** Amends the Social Security Act to streamline the adoption process, benefiting the children in need of parental figures. The bill would require states receiving requests from other states to assess the suitability of placing a child in a home to complete such studies within 60 days. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 5126, TRUTH IN CALLER ID ACT OF 2006.** The Caller ID Act prohibits from fraudulently misrepresenting phone number to caller identification information when placing phone calls to others with the intent to break the law. (House Passed)
- ✓ **S. 193, BROADCAST DECENCY ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2005.** Increases the fine for broadcasting indecent material by a factor of ten. Current FCC fines against broadcasters are \$32,000 per violation. This Act will increase the fines to \$320,000 per violation. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.RES. 323, SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO INCREASE CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS, TREATMENT, AND RESEARCH.** Supports the effort to promote childhood cancer awareness in the areas of prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, post-treatment monitoring, and long-term survival. (House Passed)
Vote Results: Yeas-393, Nays-0
- ✓ **H.R. 4411, INTERNET GAMBLING PROHIBITION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT.** Cracks down on the dangers of internet gambling and helps protect children and families from the addiction of online gambling and seeks to prevent sites from being used for money laundering, drug trafficking, and terrorist financing.
Vote Results: Ayes-314, Noes-93
- ✓ **H.R. 4472, THE CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFETY ACT.** By-passes limitations currently in place for sharing sex offender information between states by allowing school districts to access FBI criminal data before choosing to hire a new employee. The bill additionally improves the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Program, creates the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website, increases penalties for using the Internet for the sexual exploitation of children; and Increases law enforcement's ability to combat child pornography.
- ✓ **H.R. 5319, THE DELETING ONLINE PREDATORS ACT OF 2006.** Prevents the access of children to a chat room or social networking website, requires libraries to prevent the access of children without parental authorization to a chat room or social networking website, and Requires the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to create a website and issue consumer alerts to inform parents, teachers, and school officials about the potential dangers on the Internet.

STRENGTHENING HEALTHCARE AND EDUCATION

- ✓ **H.R. 609, COLLEGE ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2006.** On March 30, 2006, the House passed legislation to strengthen and improve the nation's higher education system by expanding college access for low and middle income students. This bill will also bolster our higher education system by restoring the focus on students, and includes a host of reforms to safeguard the interests of students and parents – and the pocketbooks of American taxpayers. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 4894, THE SCHOOL SAFETY ACQUIRING FACULTY EXCELLENCE ACT.** Allows all states access to national criminal data bases to obtain criminal information when hiring teachers. (House Passed)
Vote Results: Yeas-415, Nays-1
- ✓ **H.R. 5573, HEALTH CENTERS RENEWAL ACT OF 2006.** Amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize over \$10 billion for the health centers program, which provides cost-effective, quality health care to poor and medically underserved people in the United States. (House Passed)
Vote Results: Yeas-424, Nays-3
- ✓ **H.R. 4157, THE HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROMOTION ACT.** Updates outdated diagnosis coding systems for the 21st century; Promotes cooperation between states and the federal government to increase the security of medical records; Provides grants to promote the use of health information technology in small physician practices and for the uninsured; and Provides for a national framework for the use of interoperable health information technology.

RESPONDING TO NATURAL DISASTERS

- ✓ **H.R. 5354 – HURRICANE RELIEF EXTENSION ACT OF 2006.** Amends the Hurricane Education Recovery Act to extend beyond the 2006 school year to assist state and local educational agencies. The Act provides temporary emergency impact aid for elementary and secondary schools that enroll students displaced by Hurricane Katrina or Rita. (House Passed)
- ✓ **S. 2803, MINE IMPROVEMENT AND NEW EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT OF 2006.** Amends the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 to improve the safety of mines and mining after the tragic incidents that befell miners this year. The bill provides miners with enhanced communication and tracking devices, emergency response procedures, and air supplies. Additionally the bill increases the maximum civil penalty for violations of mine safety from \$60,000 to \$220,000. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 4356, EMERGENCY AND DISASTER ASSISTANCE FRAUD PENALTY ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2005.** Prohibits any type of fraud involved in a presidential declared disaster or emergency. The bill imposes a fine up to \$1 million and/or a prison term of up to 30 years for wire, radio, television, or mail fraud. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 4973, FLOOD INSURANCE REFORM AND MODERNIZATION ACT.** Strengthens the federal flood insurance program by ending subsidies for vacation homes and raising the cap on annual coverage premiums. (House Passed)
Vote Results: Yeas-416, Nays-4

SECURING THE HOMELAND

- ✓ **S. 2271, USA PATRIOT ACT ADDITIONAL REAUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2006.** House Republicans are dedicated to protecting and balancing our national security and liberty. Following the September 11th attacks, the USA Patriot Act has played a key role in a number of successful operations to protect innocent Americans by strengthening our national security and bolstering law enforcement in the War on Terror. The reauthorization bill passed

by the House and signed into law by President Bush includes new oversight measures that will continue to balance security and liberty. Furthermore, the USA Patriot Act reauthorization provides additional tools for law enforcement officials to combat the production and distribution of methamphetamine, an addictive stimulant considered to be the most significant drug abuse problem in our nation. With the new law in place, law enforcement officers will now be able to restrict the availability of meth to criminals while preserving the ability of legitimate users to obtain such medicines for proper use. (Public Law)

- ✓ **H.R. 4939, EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR, AND HURRICANE RECOVERY, 2006.** Makes emergency supplemental appropriations for FY2006 for the global war on terror to the Department of Agriculture (DOA) in connection with Foreign Agricultural Service grants. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 5020, INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007.** Provides strategic and substantial enhancements in funding for critical, world-wide intelligence capabilities and strengthens our overall capacity. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 5122, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FY 2007.** Authorizes \$512.9 billion in budget authority for the Department of Defense and the national security programs of the Department of Energy. The legislation includes \$50 billion in supplemental funding to support current operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere in the Global War on Terrorism. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 4681 – PALESTINIAN ANTI-TERRORISM ACT OF 2006.** Promotes U.S. policy towards the development of democratic institutions in areas under the administrative control of the Palestinian Authority. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.RES.861, DECLARING THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL PREVAIL IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR, THE STRUGGLE TO PROTECT FREEDOM FROM THE TERRORIST ADVERSARY.** To declare that it is not in the national security interest of the United States to set an arbitrary date for the withdrawal of United States Armed Forces in Iraq until a sovereign, free, secure, and united Iraq has been established. (House Passed)
Vote Results: Yeas-256, Nays-153
- ✓ **H.RES. 921, A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE SECURITY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL.** Condemns Hamas and Hezbollah for engaging in unprovoked and reprehensible armed attacks against Israel on undisputed Israeli territory, for taking hostages, for killing Israeli soldiers, and for continuing to indiscriminately target Israeli civilian populations with their rockets and missiles. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 5337, THE NATIONAL SECURITY FOREIGN INVESTMENT REFORM AND STRENGTHENED TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2006.** Updates CFIUS for a post 9/11 world in which all facets of America's interactions with other nations – particularly trade and financial relationships. Enhances national security while promoting foreign investment and creating and maintaining jobs.
- ✓ **H.R. 5682, UNITED STATES AND INDIA NUCLEAR COOPERATION PROMOTION ACT.** Exempts a future peaceful nuclear cooperation agreement with India from current statutory restrictions in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (AEA), as amended, that would otherwise not permit the export of nuclear items and materials to India.

SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS, HONORING OUR VETERANS

- ✓ **H.R. 5385, MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007.** Provides a historic \$25 billion for Veterans Medical Services – \$2.6 billion above last year's level, representing a 70 percent increase in total funding over the last 6 years; increases funding by \$20 million for facility improvements in existing state veterans' homes; increases basic medical research funding by \$13 million, for a total of \$412 million; adds \$12 million to upgrade Veterans Affairs medical research facilities nationwide;

and increases the defense health program by \$1 billion, for a total of \$21 billion. (House passed).

- ✓ **H.R. 5037, RESPECT FOR AMERICA'S FALLEN HEROES ACT.** Honors our bravest troops by prohibiting a person from carrying out a demonstration at a cemetery under the control of the National Cemetery Administration or at Arlington National Cemetery. The bill also prohibits a person from carrying out a demonstration within 500 feet of a cemetery at which a funeral or memorial service is to be held for a fallen soldier. (Awaiting Presidential Action)
- ✓ **H.R. 1499, HEROES EARNED RETIREMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT.** The HERO Act would treat tax-free combat pay as taxable compensation for purpose of making annual IRA contributions. The provision is effective for contributions made after December 31, 2003 – providing our troops with up to \$70 million in tax benefits over the next 10 years. (House Passed)
- ✓ **S. 1184,** A bill to waive the passport fees for a relative of a deceased member of the Armed Forces who is traveling abroad to visit the grave or to attend a funeral or memorial service. (Public Law)
- ✓ **S. 1235, VETERANS' BENEFITS IMPROVEMENT ACT** Offers veterans using the adaptive housing grants funding to modify the homes of family members assisting them, to better accommodate their injuries. The bill also expands the current outreach efforts of the Department of Labor to educate employers on the benefits of hiring veterans and protects servicemembers from increases on reinstated health insurance coverage once released from active duty.
- ✓ **H.CON.RES.354,** Requires an institution of higher education to provide military recruiters with access to that university's campus and students which is equal to that which is provided to any other employer in order to be eligible for the receipt of certain Federal funds. (House Passed)
- ✓ **S. 1235 – VETERANS BENEFITS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2005.** The Act looks to improve and extend housing interest rates, insurance coverage, outreach awareness, and benefit and employment programs for Veterans, most notably for our homeless veterans. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 4843, VETERANS' COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 2006.** Increases the rates of veterans' disability compensation, additional compensation for dependents, and the clothing allowance for certain disabled adult children, and dependency and indemnity compensation for surviving spouses and children, as of December 1, 2006. (House Passed)

RESTORING INTEGRITY TO GOVERNMENT

- ✓ **H.R. 513, THE 527 REFORM ACT.** 527 groups raise and spend unlimited and virtually unregulated sums of money on political activities. The primary goal of the 2002 Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Act was to eliminate big money in political campaigns. However, big money donors are exploiting a loophole by contributing to unregulated 527 groups. The 527 Reform Act brings 527 groups under the same set of federal campaign finance rules as every other political committee spending money to influence federal elections. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 4975, THE LOBBYING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT.** The American people have every right to expect the highest ethical standards from their elected leaders. House Republicans have taken steps to assure the people that those standards are being met. On May 3, 2006, the House passed comprehensive reforms designed to re-establish the sense of trust between the people and their government by reforming Congress and bringing greater transparency, disclosure and accountability to government. (House Passed)

- ✓ **H.R. 4890, LEGISLATIVE LINE ITEM VETO ACT OF 2006.** Allows the president to have 45 days to transmit a message to Congress proposing to cancel any discretionary budget authority, direct spending item, or targeted tax benefit deemed to be excessive. The bill seeks to protect the American taxpayer by eliminating wasteful and superfluous spending from our budget while at the same time playing a role in reducing the federal deficit. (House Passed)
Vote Results: Ayes-247, Noes-172

MEETING AMERICA'S PRIORITIES WHILE SPENDING TAXPAYER DOLLARS WISELY

- ✓ **H.CON.RES.376, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FY 2007.** On May 18, 2006, the House passed a fiscally-responsible, reform-based budget that keeps our economy growing and creating jobs, meets our nation's priorities, and continues our progress in reducing deficits.
- ✓ **H.R. 5384 - AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007.** Provides \$18.4 billion in total discretionary resources. The Act will support our nation's farmers and ranchers and provide needed funding for research into public health issues and food safety while spending taxpayer dollars wisely. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 5427 - ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007.** Provides \$30 billion in funding for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of Energy, and the Department of Interior. The Act seeks to help keep our air and water clean and put our nation on the path to energy independence. Calls for additional funding for research into a variety of alternative energy technologies, including biomass, hydrogen, solar, wind, and clean coal. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 5441 - DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007.** Provides \$32.08 billion for the Department of Homeland Security. Funds critical programs to protect our nation's ports and borders and prevent terrorist attacks. Seeks to meet urgent security challenges and address the need to better respond to natural disasters with emphasis on border security, port security and increased cargo screening, and disaster preparedness based on the lessons of Hurricane Katrina. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 5521, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007.** Provides \$3.03 billion for Legislative Branch spending for the House of Representatives, Capitol Police, CBO, Architect of the Capitol, Library of Congress, GPO, GAO and the Open World Leadership Center. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 5522, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007.** Funds our international obligations to help the suffering and supports freedom around the globe. Focuses on assisting the fight on HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria along with encouraging the spread of free trade and provide increased security assistance to our allies in the war on terror. (House Passed)
- ✓ **H.R. 4939, EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR DEFENSE, THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR, AND HURRICANE RECOVERY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006.** Provides \$94.5 billion for critical defense, military, and hurricane relief. The bill will ensure our troops have the support and equipment they need to successfully carry out their mission to its maximum potential while also funding for hurricane disaster relief based on the lessons we learned from Hurricane Katrina. (Awaiting Presidential Action)
Vote Results: Yeas-357, Nays-67
- ✓ **H.R. 5576, TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, THE JUDICIARY, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007.** Provides \$67.8 billion for the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development, the War on Drugs,

Federal-aid highways program, District of Columbia, Federal Judiciary, Member projects and other agencies. (House Passed)

Vote Results: Yeas-406, Nays-22

✓ **H.R. 5631, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007.**

Supports our military men and women who put their lives on the line to keep us safe and protects our nation. The bill calls for \$377.6 billion (PLUS a \$50 billion bridge fund for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan) for the essential needs of our troops.

Additionally, the bill fully funds the 2.2 percent pay raise for our deserving military.

Vote Results: Yeas-407, Nays-19

✓ **H.R. 5672, SCIENCE, STATE, JUSTICE, COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES**

APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007. Funds federal agencies like the F.B.I., the Small Business Administration, and the National Science Foundation and address' national priorities like border security, the growing problem of methamphetamine abuse, and increasing the competitiveness of the U.S. (House Passed)

Vote Results: Yeas-393, Nays-23